

SALEM LAMARTINE 9:30 1/28/68

Prelude
*Processional Hymn 329
*Call to Worship Pg 129
*Confession of Sin
*Assurance of Pardon
Scripture Matt. 3;13-17, 16;13-17,
" 17;1-8
*Gloria Patri
*Apostles Creed
*Prayer
Anthem
Announcements
Cathedral Choir address.

YOUTH FELL. 6:30

Offering, Response, Prayer
*Hymn 262
Sermon
Prayer & Lord's Prayer
*Hymn 158?
*Benediction
*Threefold Amen
*Postlude

St. John's Emlenton 11:00 1/28/68

Prelude
*Processional Hymn 43
*Call to Worship Pg. 129
*Confession of Sin
*Assurance of Pardon
Responsive Reading Pg. 569 Sel. 16
Hymn 198
Scripture Matt. 3;;3-;7, 16;13-17,
" 17; 1-8
*Gloria Patri
*Apostles Creed
*Prayer & Response
Anthem
Announcements
Boy scout Sunday Feb. 11

INTER CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
PRESB. 7:30 M.W.

Offering, Prayer
*Hymn 274
Sermon
Prayer & Lord's Prayer
*Hymn 158 ?
*Benediction
Threefold Amen
Postlude

Call to Worship: The Lord reigneth, let the earth
rejoice: Let the multitude of isles be glad thereof.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ the righteous. And he is the propitiation
for our sins: and not only for our sins, but also the
sins of the whole world. The grace of the Lord Jesus
Christ be with us all. Amen

MRS. ~~COPPIN~~ COPLIN VISITING
MR. & MRS. DONALD CLARK

YOUTH GROUP?

WEDNESDAY AFTER CONF.

TRINITY CHARGE--THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Ralph C. Link, Pastor
 Trinity Church, New Bloomfield 9:00 A.M.
 Christ Church, Duncannon 10:30 A.M.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP January 24, 1972

The Organ Prelude

*The Hymn of Praise 43

*The Call to Worship

*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Most holy and merciful Father, we thy wayward children do make humble confession of our shortcomings and our sin. All we like sheep have gone astray and have turned every one to his own way. We have lived too much to ourselves and not unto thee. We have not loved our brethren as we ought, nor faithfully followed our Master in unselfish service. But wilt thou pardon all our offenses. Create within us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. May we go on our way with gladness, assured of thy compassion; and forgetting the things which are behind, may we reach forth unto those things which are before; pressing toward the mark of our high calling in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

*The Kyrie

*The Assurance of Pardon

The Scripture--Matthew 3:13-17; 16:13-17; 17:1-8

*The Gloria Patri

*Nicene Creed (Page 24 Hymnal)

The Pastoral Prayer

Announcements *ELECTION*

The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

*The Doxology

*The Offering Prayer and Lord's Prayer

The Hymn of Meditation 274

The Sermon--The Apostles Creed--Our Faith

"And in Jesus Christ His Only Begotten Son,
 Our Lord."

The Sermon Prayer

*The Hymn of Response 271

*The Benediction

*The Threefold Amen

*The Postlude

*Donates Congregation Standing

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The joint Consistory will meet at Trinity today at 2:00 P.M.

Confirmation Class today at 5:00 P.M.

On Feb. 7th Christ Church will worship at 9:00 A.M. and Trinity Church at 10:30 A.M.

TRINITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The second service for week of prayer for Christian Unity will be held tonight in Trinity Methodist at 7:30 P.M. Father William Sullivan is the speaker. Please plan to attend.

CHRIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Installation of officers next Sunday Jan. 31st.

JESUS THE SON

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TEXT:

MOST OF US PROBABLY KNOW FAIRLY WELL THE LIFE OF CHRIST. THE THINGS HE DID AND SAID AND MOST OF THE EVENTS OF HIS LIFE. THEREFORE WE ARE NOT GOING TO BE CONCERNED WITH THESE PARTICULARS ABOUT CHRIST. INSTEAD WE ARE GOING TO CONCENTRATE ON WHAT HE WAS LIKE AS A PERSON. WHAT HIS PERSONALITY WAS LIKE, WHAT HE LOOKED LIKE, AND WHAT TYPE OF PERSON HE ACTUALLY WAS. THESE AND OTHER QUESTIONS ARE WHAT WE WILL BE THINKING OF THIS MORNING. AGAIN LET ME SAY THAT THIS IS MY INTERPRETATION OF JESUS CHRIST. I BASE THIS ON WHAT I HAVE READ, WHAT I HAVE BEEN TAUGHT, AND THE CONCLUSIONS I HAVE REACHED BY COMBINING THESE TOGETHER. THEREFORE WHAT I STATE HERE THIS MORNING MUST BE ACCEPTED FOR WHAT IT IS, AN INTERPRETATION OF CHRIST AS I SEE HIM.

MANY PEOPLE HAVE WONDERED ABOUT HIS PHYSICAL LOOKS. WHAT DID HE LOOK LIKE? HOW TALL WAS HE? WHAT WAS THE COLOR OF HIS HAIR AND HIS EYES? THERE HAVE BEEN MANY INTERPRETATIONS OF THESE CHARACTERISTICS PUT ON CANVAS BY MANY ARTISTS. FOR THE MOST PART I FEEL THEY ARE NOT TRUE PORTRAITS OF HIM. A GOODLY NUMBER OF THEM SHOW HIM AS BEING RATHER WEAK, EFFEMINATE AND HARMLESS. I DON'T BELIEVE HE WAS ANY OF THESE THINGS. I THINK OF HIM AS BEING A STRONG MUSCULAR PERSON. HE ALMOST HAD TO BE IF HE WORKED AT THE CARPENTER TRADE. HE ALSO HAD TO BE STRONG TO WITHSTAND THE RIGORS OF TRAVEL AND THE WEATHER THAT HAD TO BE ENDURED. HE PROBABLY ENJOYED A GOOD DAYS WORK. THE SATISFACTION THAT COMES FROM DOING A JOB AND KNOWING THAT IT WAS DONE TO THE BEST OF HIS ABILITY. MOST LIKELY HE ENJOYED WORKING WITH HIS HANDS. THE CARPENTER TRADE WOULD REQUIRE THIS, AND THEN TOO THERE WERE NO TIME SAVING TOOLS AND DEVICES. EVERYTHING WAS DONE THE HARD WAY. I THINK OF HIM AS HAVING BIG WORK WORN HANDS. HANDS THAT COULD GRIP LIKE A VISE IF NECESSARY, OR COULD BE LAID GENTLY ON SOMEONE TO HEAL. EXPRESSIVE HANDS THAT COULD HELP TO PAINT A PICTURE OF WHAT HE WAS TRYING TO SAY. AS FAR AS THE REST OF HIS LOOKS

GO. HE PROBABLY LOOKED LIKE MOST OF THE JEWISH MEN OF HIS DAY. HOWEVER THIS IS IRRELEVANT.

HIS PERSONALITY MUST HAVE BEEN PRETTY UNIQUE. HE WAS ABLE TO TALK TO THE WEALTHY AS THOUGH HE WERE FAR SUPERIOR TO THEM. WE KNOW THAT HE WAS, BUT TO THE PEOPLE OF HIS DAY HE PROBABLY APPEARED AS A NOBODY BY HIS DRESS AND APPEARANCE. HE WAS ABLE TO HOB NOB WITH THE PEOPLE OF THE LOWEST DEGREE AND HE SEEMED TO FIT RIGHT IN WITH THEM. THIS SHOWS THAT HE WAS ABLE TO IDENTIFY WITH ALL CLASSES OF PEOPLE AND NOT TAKE SIDES OR MAKE EXCEPTIONS. HE DIDN'T CARE WHETHER A PERSON WAS RICH OR POOR. HE TREATED THEM BOTH THE SAME. IN FACT HE PROBABLY TREATED THE WEALTHY WITH A LITTLE DISDAIN AND DISRESPECT BECAUSE OF THE TENDENCY OF SOME OF THEM TO LOOK DOWN ON THE POOR.

HE MUST HAVE BEEN QUICK WITTED AS WITNESSED BY THE QUICK RESPONSE HE USUALLY MADE TO HIS ACCUSERS. ALMOST ANYONE WHO SPEAKS OR ENTERTAINS PUBLICLY ~~ENCOUNTERS THIS~~ FROM TIME TO TIME, FOR SOME UNKNOWN REASON ~~THERE IS~~ *ENCOUNTERS* SOMEONE IN THE AUDIENCE WHO HECKLES THE SPEAKER. THIS WAS TRUE IN THE DAYS OF CHRIST'S MINISTRY ALSO. WHEN HE SPOKE THESE HECKLERS WERE IN THE FORM OF THE SCRIBES AND PHARISEES. BUT HE WAS ALWAYS EQUAL TO THE OCCASION. DO YOU RECALL THE INCIDENT WHEN CHRIST ENTERED THE TEMPLE AND THE ELDERS AND THE SCRIBES ASKED HIM BY WHOSE AUTHORITY HE WAS PREACHING. JESUS ANSWERED THEM WITH A QUESTION ABOUT JOHN THE BAPTIST, WHICH WAS A TWO SIDED QUESTION. NO MATTER WHAT THEY ANSWERED IT WOULD CAUSE A REACTION EITHER FROM JESUS OR THE PEOPLE. SO THEY ANSWERED THEY DIDN'T KNOW AND JESUS TOLD THEM NEITHER WOULD HE ANSWER THEIR QUESTION. THIS REQUIRES A QUICK WIT TO BE ABLE TO SILENCE HECKLERS SUCH AS THIS.

I ALSO BELIEVE THAT CHRIST HAD A KEEN SENSE OF HUMOR. MANY PEOPLE DO NOT THINK THIS BECAUSE EVERYTHING WE READ IN THE NEW TESTAMENT IS SAID SO UNHUMOROUSLY. *SOME PEOPLE LIKE TO THINK OF HIM AS BEING COMPLETELY SERIOUS.* BUT THERE ARE PLACES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT ACCOUNTS WHICH ARE HUMOROUS. IN FACT THERE IS A BOOK WRITTEN ON JUST THIS VERY THING. IT'S CALLED, "THE HUMOR OF CHRIST." BEFORE WE LOOK AT ONE SUCH VERSE THAT IS FOUND IN MATTHEW WE SHOULD CLARIFY SOMETHING. WE ALL KNOW THAT THE NATIVE TONGUE WHICH JESUS SPOKE WAS ARAMAIC. BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT HE WAS A

GALILEAN HE PROBABLY SPOKE GREEK AS WELL, BECAUSE ALL GALILEANS SPOKE GREEK. NOW WHEN BIBLICAL SCHOLARS WERE TRANSLATING MANUSCRIPTS FROM GREEK INTO ARAMAIC, IT WAS DISCOVERED BY ACCIDENT THAT SEVERAL OF THE SAYINGS OF JESUS INVOLVED A PLAY ON WORDS OR A PUN. THE JEWISH PEOPLE LOVED PUNS AND THEREFORE IT IS THOUGHT THAT JESUS DID INDEED USE PUNS WITH SEVERAL OF HIS SAYINGS. ONE SUCH VERSE IS FOUND IN MATTHEW 23:24. JESUS SAYS, "YOU BLIND GUIDES, STRAINING OUT A GNAT AND SWALLOWING A CAMEL." HE WAS TALKING TO THE SCRIBES AND PHARISEES. NOW IN ENGLISH THIS VERSE SEEMS RATHER IMPOSSIBLE. BUT IN ARAMAIC THE WORD FOR GNAT IS, "QALMA". AND THE WORD FOR CAMEL IS, "GAMLA". SO USING THESE TWO WORDS IN THIS VERSE WE CAN PERHAPS SEE THE HUMOR. "YOU BLIND GUIDES, STRAINING OUT A QALMA AND SWALLOWING A GAMLA."

IN THE MUSICAL COMEDY, "MY FAIR LADY," PROFESSOR HIGGINS TAKES MISS DOOLITTLE TO A BALL TO SEE IF SHE CAN PASS FOR ROYALTY. AFTER THE BALL HE IS EXPLAINING HOW SHE WAS RECEIVED. HE TELLS OF THIS HUNGARIAN PRINCE AND HIS DISCRPTION OF HIM WAS ^{"HE OILED HIS WAY ACROSS THE FLOOR"} ~~THAT HE WAS~~ OOZING CHARM FROM EVERY PORE. THIS IS A VERY DISCRPTIVE PHRASE. I THINK THIS PHRASE FITS JESUS FAIRLY WELL. IT'S A CRUDE EXAMPLE TO BE APPLIED TO CHRIST TO BE SURE. BUT HE MUST HAVE MORE OR LESS JUST OOZED WITH CHARM. HE WAS ABLE TO ATTRACT PEOPLE WHEREVER HE WENT. EVEN WHEN HE TRIED TO AVOID THE PEOPLE AND GO OFF BY HIMSELF THEY MOBBED HIM. HE MUST HAVE HAD A MAGNETIC TYPE OF PERSONALITY THAT DREW PEOPLE TO HIM. IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN ANYTHING OUTSTANDING SUCH AS HIS DRESS OR SPEECH BECAUSE THESE WERE THE SAME AS EVERYONE ELSE USED IN THOSE DAYS. SOMETHING ABOUT HIM MADE PEOPLE WANT TO SEE HIM AND HEAR HIM AND BE NEAR HIM. AND HERE AGAIN HE DIDN'T REJECT ANYONE. HE SHOWED HIS LOVE TO THEM INSTEAD. HERE IS ANOTHER PART OF HIS PERSONALITY, HIS ABILITY TO LOVE. HE LOVED EVERYONE AND HE SHOWED IT.

I ALSO BELIEVE THAT JESUS CHRIST WAS MORE POLISHED AND BETTER EDUCATED THAN MOST PEOPLE GIVE HIM CREDIT. HAVE YOU EVER STOPPED TO THINK HOW HE CAME TO KNOW ALL THAT HE DID? HOW WAS IT THAT HE WAS ABLE TO PREACH AS HE DID AND ON THE SUBJECTS HE USED WITHOUT ANY FORMAL EDUCATION? HIS PARENTS WERE NOT WELL EDUCATED, ESPECIALLY IN RELIGION AND THEREFORE THEY COULDN'T

HAVE PASSED THIS ON TO HIM. MANY SCHOLARS BELIEVE THAT HE UNDERWENT SOME FORMAL SCHOOLING. IT IS THOUGHT THAT THE REASON WHY THERE IS NO RECORD OF THE YEARS BETWEEN 12 AND 30 IS BECAUSE HE WAS STUDYING TO BE A RABBI. THE REASONING FOR THIS IS TWOFOLD. FIRST ALL RABBIS HAD TO LEARN A TRADE AS WELL AS BEING A RABBI. THE RABBIS WERE THE TEACHERS OF THE JEWS. IT WAS NOT PERMISSABLE FOR THEM TO ACCEPT MONEY FOR TEACHING. THEREFORE IN ORDER FOR THEM NOT TO BE DEPENDENT ON MONEY FOR TEACHING THEY WERE REQUIRED TO HAVE A TRADE THAT WOULD SUSTAIN THEM INSTEAD. CHRIST HAD A TRADE AND HE WAS LEARNED IN RELIGION, HENCE THE ASSUMPTION THAT HE PERHAPS WAS A RABBI. THE SECOND REASON FOR THIS THOUGHT IS THE FACT THAT ALL RABBIS HAD ACCESS TO CERTAIN BOOKS BESIDES THE TORAH. THESE BOOKS WERE NOT AVAILABLE TO THE JEWISH LAYMAN. THERE ARE MANY INSTANCES WHERE CHRIST MAKES A POINT USING AN ILLUSTRATION FROM ONE OF THESE BOOKS. SOME OF THESE ARE: THE TEACHING ABOUT SERVING GOD AND MAMMON, THE SABBATH WAS MADE FOR MAN AND NOT MAN FOR THE SABBATH, THE PARABLE OF THE RICH FOOL, THE PARABLE OF THE FIRST SEATS AT THE FEAST, AND THE PARABLE OF THE RICH WIDOW. ALL OF THESE EXAMPLES WERE TAKEN FROM THE APOCRYPHA AND THE APOCRYPHA WAS ONLY AVAILABLE TO THE RABBIS.

ALL OF SCRIPTURE WAS DIVINE.

^ WE COULD LIST MANY OTHER ATTRIBUTES OF JESUS. WE COULD SAY HE WAS KIND, HE WAS GOOD, HE WAS FORCEFUL, DYNAMIC, COMPASSIONATE, MERCIFUL AND MANY MORE THINGS. HE COULD BE ANGRY, HE COULD BE QUIET, AND JUST A LOOK OR A GLANCE WOULD SERVE AS HIS ANSWER. THIS AND ALL OF THESE THINGS ARE MY INTERPRETATION OF JESUS CHRIST. THIS IS THE CHRIST I INTEND TO PRESENT TO YOU DURING MY STAY HERE. THIS IS THE CHRIST I BELIEVE IN. NOT SOME WISHY WASHY WEAKLING AFRAID TO DO OR SAY SOMETHING. A STRONG DETERMINED PERSON WILLING TO RISK ALL FOR A CAUSE. A PERSON WHO DIDN'T SPECIFY WHAT YOU NEEDED TO WEAR WHEN YOU CAME TO SEE HIM. HE DOESN'T CARE IF YOU COME HERE IN OVER-ALLS. IF THIS IS ^{THE} BEST WE HAVE TO WEAR HE WILL WELCOME US. I ^{WAS TOLD} HEARD ~~RECENTLY~~ ^{BACK HOME} OF A CHURCH ~~IN THIS VICINITY~~ WHERE A MAN WHO WORE SPORT CLOTHES TO CHURCH WAS TOLD TO WEAR A SUIT. IF SPORT CLOTHES IS ALL THAT WE HAVE THEN BY ALL MEANS THIS IS WHAT WE SHOULD WEAR. I DEFY ANYONE TO SHOW ME ANYPLACE IN THE NEW TESTAMENT WHERE IT SAYS WE SHOULD WEAR A SUIT AND TIE TO CHURCH.

AS LONG AS WHAT WE WEAR IS THE BEST THAT WE HAVE IT NEED NOT MATTER WHAT IT IS. I RECALL DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR A MAN CAME TO CHURCH WITH HIS LUNCH BOX UNDER HIS ARM AND DRESSED IN WORK CLOTHES. AFTER CHURCH HE WENT TO WORK IN A WAR PLANT. NO ONE THOUGHT ANYTHING ABOUT THIS. I'M SURE GOD DIDN'T FEEL SLIGHTED. AT LEAST THE MAN THOUGHT ENOUGH OF GOD TO COME AND WORSHIP HIM. AND ISN'T THIS THE MAIN PURPOSE FOR BEING HERE? WE COME HERE NOT TO SHOW OFF OUR CLOTHES, NOT TO HAVE A VISIT WITH OUR NEIGHBOR, BUT TO WORSHIP GOD. AND THEN TOO WE SHOULD NOT REJECT ANYONE FROM JOINING WITH US AS LONG AS THEY ARE SINCERE AND WILLING TO ACCEPT CHRIST. CHRIST PLACED NO RESTRICTIONS ON WHO COULD ACCEPT HIM. HE DIDN'T SAY WE HAD TO LOOK A CERTAIN WAY, OR TALK A CERTAIN WAY OR EVEN DRESS A CERTAIN WAY. ALL HE REQUIRES IS THAT WHEN WE ACCEPT HIM WE DO SO WHOLEHEARTEDLY. THAT WE SERVE HIM ^{AND} DO IT WILLINGLY AND WITHOUT RESERVATIONS. THIS IS THE CHRIST THAT I BELIEVE IN. THIS IS THE CHRIST I HOPE EACH ONE OF US HERE THIS MORNING BELIEVE IN. THIS IS THE CHRIST I LOVE AND I TRUST THIS IS ALSO THE CHRIST EACH OF YOU LOVE. WE OWE OURSELVES AND ALL WE HAVE TO CHRIST. THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING WE CAN GIVE TO CHRIST EXCEPT OUR LIVES. THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR OURSELVES. ANY THING LESS IS NO GOOD. THE ONLY POSSIBLE THING WE CAN GIVE TO CHRIST IS OURSELVES. NOTHING LESS WILL DO. LET US EACH ONE COME TO THIS CHRIST TODAY AND GIVE OURSELVES TO HIM. IF WE ALREADY HAVE GIVEN OURSELVES TO HIM, THEN LET US REDEDICATE OURSELVES TO HIM. BUT IN EITHER CASE LET US GIVE HIM OURSELVES.

THE WORDS OF A FAMILIAR HYMN SUM ALL OF THIS UP. "WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS ON WHICH THE PRINCE OF GLORY DIED, MY RICHEST GAIN I COUNT BUT LOSS, AND POUR CONTEMPT ON ALL MY PRIDE. WERE THE WHOLE REALM OF NATURE MINE, THAT WERE A PRESENT FAR TOO SMALL: LOVE SO AMAZING, SO DIVINE, DEMANDS MY SOUL, MY LIFE, MY ALL. LET US PRAY.